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for the fiscal year

ending

March 31, 2000

Occupational Health and Safety Division
N. S. Department of Labour

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL
as of March 31, 2000

Occupational Health and Safety Division

Executive Director ..... J. LeBlanc

Director, Field Services ..... J. Vance (seconded for the period)

Director, Central Services ..... S. Sampson

Regional Managers
- Central ..... R. O'Neil
- Cape Breton ..... D. Dearing
- Northeast ..... Vacant
- Southwest ..... Vacant

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Occupational Health and Safety Division

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ACTS ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION

Occupational Health and Safety Act

The Occupational Health and Safety Act applies to all workplaces under provincial jurisdiction and establishes a system which identifies rights and responsibilities for the workplace parties.

There are three additional Acts related to health and safety that are administered by the Division: the Coal Mines Regulation Act, the Metalliferous Mines and Quarries Regulation Act, and the Hazardous Products Act. These acts are used in conjunction with the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act is organized around five basic elements:

- **Prevention** - Education, policies and procedures which create a safe and healthy workplace in which, to the greatest extent possible, potential hazards are anticipated and prevented before they arise.

- **Internal Responsibility** - Each workplace is responsible for implementing an effective system for employer, employees and others to cooperatively:

  - identify health and safety problems in the workplace
  - identify and implement potential solutions, and
  - provide an internal audit of the workplace's status with respect to health and safety requirements.

- **External Support** - A system external to the workplace for supporting the internal responsibility system within the workplace and for monitoring its effectiveness.

- **Enforcement** - Legal sanctions which may be applied to parties who fail to comply with the requirements of the Act.

- **Response to Changing Needs** - Policy and leadership capacity of government and affected parties to evaluate and respond to the needs of the workplace.

The objectives of the Occupational Health and Safety Division are to:

- reduce the incidence of accidents and illness of employees;
- improve health and safety conditions in the workplace by means of research, education, promotion, inspection and enforcement of legislation.

Specifically, the Division will:

- promote the provision of safe and healthful work environments;
- promote the development of occupational health and safety services within the province;
- promote the principle that every employee is entitled to a safe and healthy workplace;
- promote an understanding and acceptance of, and compliance with legislative requirements;
- conduct and develop education programs designed to promote an awareness of occupational health and safety;

- develop revisions to occupational health and safety laws, policies and practices;
- undertake research in matters related to occupational health and safety;
- publish from time to time such reports, studies and recommendations as are considered advisable;
- support the tripartite system of employers, employees and government to share in decision making as it affects occupational health and safety; and
- administer consistently with all clients all health and safety-related Acts and Regulations.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division has two service sections to meet specific occupational health and safety needs in the province.

The Field Services Section, under the supervision of the Director of Field Services, is responsible for the delivery of a series of core services to the clients of the Division. These core services include: health and safety inspection, investigation, consultation, mediation, compliance promotion and enforcement. These services are delivered by staff organized into four regions in the province.

The Central Services Section, under the supervision of the Director of Central Services, supports field activity by providing services in specialty areas such as engineering, occupational health, ergonomics, education material development, computer support and facilitation. The Central Services Section develops policies, legislation, industry-based programs and service procedures in consultation with stakeholders that can be applied throughout the organization and the province.

Significant Events and Projects

Training and Outreach Activities:

Beyond the regular officer training activities, the Division gave the following training:

1) 3-day course on the fundamentals of occupational health and safety. The course was aimed at consultants who could then deliver the course to a wider audience.
2) 1-day course on violence in the workplace. The course was aimed at consultants who could then deliver the course to a wider audience.
3) 2-day course on WHMIS. The course was aimed at public school teachers who could then deliver the course in the public school system.
4) 2-day course on WHMIS, this time in French. The course was aimed at public school teachers who could then deliver the course in the public school system.

The Division also gave six public awareness sessions on the Occupational Safety General Regulations.

In cooperation with the Workers' Compensation Board, the Division participated in 11 information sessions on OH&S and WCB issues.

Internet Improvements:

The following improvements were made to the Divisional Internet pages:

1) comments sheets were added to the Internet to allow clients to make a comment or ask a question. A client satisfaction survey of the question feature demonstrated a very high client satisfaction.
2) the Atlantic Provinces occupational health and safety consultants list was added to the Internet as a searchable database. The Division maintains the list for all four Atlantic provinces.
3) a list of private sector training available in Nova Scotia was added to the Internet.

Work started on updating the video catalogue and putting it on the Internet. The Nova Scotia and Newfoundland video catalogues are scheduled to go live on the Internet in fiscal 2000/2001.

Publications:

During the fiscal year, the following publications were created:

- six "info-sheets" on various topics in health and safety
- three hazard alerts on:
  Abandoned Mine openings - March 08, 2000
  Knuckleboom Loaders - December 21, 1999
  Gluteraldehyde - November 16, 1999

In addition, the following documents were updated:

- Your Rights and Responsibilities
- Code of Practice for the Removal of Friable Asbestos-Containing Materials

In support of the introductions of the Occupational Safety General Regulations, the Division produced:

- eight guides highlighting key words in the regulation
- a list of standards called up in the regulation
- an implementation schedule for the regulation.

Work started on a guidebook for the fishing industry, as well as an updating of the Forest Professional book. A guidebook "Standards of Practice for Farms in Nova Scotia and Risk Management Tool" was published with the participation of a number of industry-based associations and government agencies.

Projects:

Work was started on a new inspection tracking system. The work was suspended in the fall pending the outcome of reorganization discussions.

The Division started and completed work on two major projects:

1) Targeting, to define which firms to inspect on a priority basis. The basis for the definition is the firm's experience rating.
2) Internal Responsibility System inspection protocol, which redefines and updates the criteria officers look for during general inspections.

The Division also started work on:

1) obtaining an extract of the WCB database, so that the Division could have better access to the data. This project is scheduled for completion in fiscal 2000/2001.
2) an inspection checklist.

Reorganization:

The Government announced two possible reorganizations which could impact the operations of the Division. Public input on the first - a partial or full integration with the WCB - was requested in the fall. At fiscal year end, the public consultations were continuing.

The second reorganization - a merger with the Department of Environment and parts of several other departments - was announced in the spring of 2000. At fiscal year end, planning for the merger was just starting.

Red Tape Reduction Task Force:

The Government announced the creation of the Red Tape Reduction Task Force, whose mandate over the next two years is to:

- review provincial business impact regulations
- recommend eliminating/alleviating unnecessary impacts of business regulations
- establish a framework and consultation process for the ongoing review of business impact regulations.

The Division will liaise with this Task Force as it considers occupational health and safety regulations.

Plummer Review:

At the request of the Deputy Minister, the Department of Human Resources reviewed the status of the Plummer report and its implementation by the Division. The report made some recommendations which were acted upon by the Division.

Transfer of Certifications:

In line with the report of the Licences, Permits and Approvals Task Force, the OH&S Division continued negotiations started in fiscal year 1998/1999 with the Apprenticeship and Trades Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture to transfer to the latter department certifications related to coal mining and blasting. At year end, negotiations were still on-going.

Occupational Health & Safety Concepts in Public School Curricula:

The OH&S Division is cooperating in and partially funding a project led by the Nova Scotia Department of Education to insert occupational health and safety concepts into public school curricula. A pilot of the first course (grade 11) is scheduled for fall, 2000 in two high schools.

Occupational Health and Safety Week:

North American Occupational Health and Safety Week was held in May, 1999. It was organized at an international level with all Canadian jurisdictions participating, as well as Mexico and the United States. The OH&S Division participated on the planning committee and as a financial sponsor. A number of events were held in the province furthering the objectives of health and safety.

Mine Rescue Competition:

The 28th Nova Scotia Mine Rescue Competition was held September 24 and 25, 1999 at the Bayplex in Glace Bay. Four Cape Breton Development Corporation (Devco) teams participated, along with a team from Canadian Salt.

The Division took a larger role in publicizing the event this year. The effort included:

- arranging for radio and television coverage of the event
- arranging for print coverage of the event
- distributing mementos of the event, especially to young children
- support for a program of visits to public school classes by Mine Rescue personnel, explaining their role and talking about health and safety in coal mines in general. This program was very well received.

The Division also participated in planning for the inaugural Nova Scotia/New Brunswick Combined Mine rescue Competition, scheduled for May, 2000 in Sussex, NB.

John T. Ryan Award:

The Division coordinated the Nova Scotia submissions for the John T. Ryan Award for the safest mines in Canada. Fundy Gypsum, with a reportable accident rate of zero, was the national winner in the "Select Mines" category.

Highwall Mining:

In preparation for the introduction of highwall mining techniques in Nova Scotia, the Division gathered available research and sent two officers to the United States to tour several facilities. The data obtained was used to define the parameters to be used in a code of practice that will govern several aspects of the operation.

Partnerships

The Division partners with external organizations to further the objectives of occupational health and safety. Partnerships with the following organizations continued:

- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety
- Forestry Safety Society of Nova Scotia
- Nova Scotia Construction Safety Association
- Nova Scotia Department of Education
- Nova Scotia Safety Council
- Retail Gasoline Dealers Association

- Nova Scotia Trucking Safety Association

In collaboration with the Retail Gasoline Dealers Association, the Division gave special awards to twelve companies that had successfully met the criteria of the Retail Gasoline Dealers Safety Training Program.

The Division also continued on a program to recognize the safety certification of external agencies.

The Division maintains Memoranda of Understanding for various services and aspects of cooperation with:

- Nova Scotia Departments of Natural Resources and Environment (Mining "One Window" Committee)
- Nova Scotia Departments of Natural Resources and Environment and the Nova Scotia Petroleum Directorate (regulation of the oil and gas industry)
- Human Resources Development Canada
- Canada - Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board
- Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia

Law Development

During the 1999/2000 fiscal year, the Division guided through an initial and an eventual final passage of the Occupational Safety General Regulations.

The Division also worked on the following regulations:

- Underground Mining
- First Aid
- Summary Offense Tickets
- Temporary Workplace Traffic Control
- Offshore Safety and Health Regulations

The OH&S Advisory Council completed their reviews of the Indoor Air Quality and Diving Regulations and passed these on to the Division for further work.

Occupational Health and Safety Division Performance Measures

The Occupational Health and Safety Division reviewed measures that would be appropriate to the services it provides. The measures that were proposed included Workers' Compensation Board claims registration and compensable days information, which are variations of the traditional frequency and severity measures used in occupational health and safety.

To provide an indication of trends over time, data was generated on an annual basis for the five previous years and a moving average was calculated historically. Performance measures are detailed in Table One.

The resulting measures would suggest that on an annual basis, the recent trend indicates improvement in health and safety performance in the province. There are many factors which can influence these measures and although they accurately report the data, it would be inappropriate to infer that the efforts of the Occupational Health and Safety Division services were solely responsible for any trends.

Historical data was also reviewed for these measures and is presented graphically on a three year moving average in Figures Three and Four.

Preliminary Data Analysis

The data in the tables has been summarized in Figures One and Two and is valuable from the point of view of evaluating resource use and targeting efforts.

The detailed breakdown of orders (Table Four) identifies the following:
- the high proportion of orders issued under the general "Employer's Precautions and Duties" section of the OH&S Act.
- the high proportion of orders issued on such items as policies/programs, joint occupational health and safety committees/representatives and communication of information (together representing just over 20% of all orders) relating to the internal responsibility system.
- under the regulations a large number of orders related to personal protective equipment, fall protection/scaffolding and machine guarding.

These issues are being addressed by the Division through:
- a more thorough analysis of the orders issued under the employer's general duty requirements of the OH&S Act to determine more precisely what issues are being addressed
- an increased emphasis on Internal Responsibility System audits during general inspections, with a detailed IRS audit form to be introduced in the fiscal year 2000 - 2001.

The ratios of activity/orders to WCB claims is one way of assessing the use of Division resources. They are measures of effort in a particular industry sector based on that sector's claims experience. Assuming an equal weighting of the measures this data (Tables 9, 10, 11) indicates, based solely on the number of claims, the Division should expend more effort in health care, accommodation/food/beverage, transportation and storage industries and communications and while expending less effort in finance and insurance, education services, real estate and insurance and construction.

This analyses is of assistance in targeting but requires a greater level of detail. The Division will undertake in fiscal year 2000/2001 a more detailed examination of the causes of the accidents and the distribution of hazards represented by this information with the aim of identifying underlying trends to help determine an appropriate course of action.

Table One
OH&S Performance Measures
1995 through 1999
Based on Worker's Compensation Board and Statistics Canada Data for the Calendar Years

DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL DATA (based on calendar years)					FIVE YEAR AVERAGE
	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	
Actual Work Force ('000's) (1)	409	404	392	385	384	**395**
All Claims Registered With The WCB (2)	35,010	33,050	32,092	30,671	33,885	**32,942**
Compensable Time-loss Claims Registered with the WCB (2)	8,200	8,170	7,697	7,995	11,974	**8,807**
Total # of Compensable Days for All Compensable Time -loss Claims (2) for the Year	551,340	439,852	402,749	448,428	571,683	**482,810**
Total # of Compensable Days for Claims Opened During the Year (2)	251,694	201,842	193,025	168,120	224,740	**207,884**
Total # of Compensable Time-loss Claims (2) for which payments were made	11,832	10,110	10,184	10,758	14,134	**11,404**
Fatalities (3) Reported during the year	20	20	29	18	27	**23**
Average # of Registered WCB Claims per 100 Employees	8.57	8.18	8.19	7.97	8.82	**8.35**
Average # of WCB Compensable Time -loss Claims per 100 Employees	2.00	2.02	1.96	2.08	3.12	**2.24**
Average # of Compensable Days for all Compensable Time-loss Claims Receiving benefits during the year	46.60	43.51	39.55	41.68	40.45	**42.36**
Average # of Compensable Days for Compensable Time-loss Claims opened in the year	30.69	24.71	25.08	21.03	18.77	**24.05**
Number of Fatalities Reported per 100,000 workers	4.89	4.95	7.40	4.68	7.03	**5.79**

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Fatalities Investigated	14	12	18	11	8
Work Refusals Investigated	18	24	19	10	11
Appeals of Officer Decisions	29	17	15	0	**
Appeals of Director Decisions	10	5	6	0	**
General Inspections	1,563	1,022	1,288	1,368	1,675
Joint Inspections	36	128	393	147	0
Reinspections	258	143	192	308	419
Complaints Investigated	703	533	391	517	396
Incidents Investigated	239	185	126	141	138
Discriminatory Action Complaints	50	51	26	0	**
Consulting Services	59	214	262	43	31
Educational Services	47	64	97	131	134
Meetings	295	308	360	382	0
Total	**3,358**	**2,720**	**3,201**	**3,070**	**2,821**

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Orders Issued Under The OH&S Act, Associated Regulations & Codes of Practice
Summary Version

Category	Number of Orders Issued				
	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96
Orders Issued Under the Act	-				
Occupational Health and Safety Act	2,976	1,905	1,543	1,107	1,100
Stop Work Orders	202	167	80	126	112
Deviations Reviewed	13	30	57	0	0
Codes of Practice Required	31	22	12	0	0
Orders Issued Under the Regulations					
Appeal Panel Regulations	0	0	0	0	#
Construction Safety Regulations	554	323	258	202	241
Disclosure of Information Regulations	0	0	0	0	1
Fall Protection & Scaffolding Regulations	812	516	303	239	15
First Aid Regulations	830	471	499	334	294
General Blasting Regulations	26	17	16	4	2
Industrial Safety Regulations	1,282	727	807	615	671
Occupational Health Regulations	12	3	33	14	18
Occupational Safety General Regulations	0	#	#	#	#
Temporary Workplace Traffic Control Regulations	14	15	10	14	7
WHMIS Regulations	469	296	266	146	113
Orders Issued Under Codes of Practice					
Managing Asbestos	1	3	16	7	15
Removal of Friable Asbestos	0	0	0	1	1
Working with Lead	0	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	**6,976**	**4,276**	**3,752**	**2,684**	**2,478**

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#Regulations did not exist at this time.

Table Four
Orders Issued Under The OH&S Act, Associated Regulations & Codes of Practice
Detail Version
Fiscal Year 1999-2000

Law	Number of Orders Issued		Percent	
	In each topic	Totals	Of Each Law	Of all Orders
Occupational Health and Safety Act		2,976		42.7
Employer duties, precautions	885		29.7	
Employee duties, precautions	8		0.3	
Other duties, precautions	154		5.2	
Policy	335		11.3	
Program	243		8.2	
Joint occupational health and safety committee	209		7.0	
Health and safety representative	256		8.6	
Communication of Information	376		12.6	
Stop Work Orders	202		6.8	
Deviations Reviewed	13		0.4	
Codes of Practice Required	31		1.0	
Other sections	264		8.9	
Construction Safety Regulations		554		7.9
Access to workplaces	20		3.6	
Demolition	15		2.7	
Electrical supply	45		8.1	
Excavations	17		3.1	
Housekeeping	31		5.6	
Ladders	51		9.2	
Personal protective clothing, eqpt.	240		43.3	
Portable power tools	14		2.5	
Power-driven cranes, shovels	12		2.2	
	In each topic	Totals	Of Each Law	Of all Orders

Law	Number of Orders Issued		Percent	
Sanitation	17		3.1	
Welding and burning	12		2.2	
Other parts	80		14.4	
Fall Protection and Scaffolding		812		11.6
Fall Protection but not roof work	371		45.7	
Roof work	71		8.7	
Scaffolding	370		45.6	
First Aid		830		11.6
Supplies	116		14.0	
Certificates	362		43.6	
Director's variations	9		1.1	
First aid kits, rooms	292		35.2	
Remote location plans	9		1.1	
Other sections	42		5.1	
General Blasting	26	26		0.4
Industrial Safety		1,282		18.4
Electrical hazards	228		17.8	
Exits and protection from fire	187		14.6	
Illumination	12		0.9	
Ladders	23		1.8	
Machinery, machinery guarding	392		30.6	
Handling, storage of material	43		3.4	
Personal protective equipment	201		15.7	
Sanitation	32		2.5	
Portable power tools	39		3.0	
Ventilation	56		4.4	
	In each topic	**Totals**	**Of Each Law**	**Of all Orders**
Welding and burning	50		3.9	
Other parts	247		19.3	

Law	Number of Orders Issued		Percent	
Occupational Health Regulations	12	12		0.2
Temporary Workplace Traffic Control	14	14		0.2
WHMIS		469		6.7
Prohibition	67		14.3	
Employee education	191		40.7	
Labels	25		5.3	
Material safety data sheets	186		39.7	
Managing Asbestos in Buildings (COP)	1	1		0.0
TOTAL	**6,976**	**6,976**		**100**

Table Five
Percentage of Activities by Industry Type

Industry	SIC Range	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96
Accommodation/Food/ Beverage	9000-9599	2.2	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.9
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	1.7	1.0	1.2	1.8	2.6
Business Services	7700-7999	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.7
Communications	4800-4999	1.9	2.6	1.7	1.2	1.0
Construction	4000-4499	36.6	37.6	33.1	35.9	35.0
Education Services	8500-8599	1.6	2.8	3.1	2.0	1.1
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8
Government Services	8000-8499	6.2	7.7	9.4	9.3	10.0
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	5.0	3.3	6.8	3.7	4.5
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	1.9	2.2	2.5	4.2	9.6
Manufacturing	1000-3999	16.9	16.5	16.6	17.4	17.1
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	2.8	3.7	2.0	1.7	2.4
Other Services	9600-9999	4.0	4.2	2.9	4.3	3.5
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.1
Retail Trade	6000-6999	8.9	7.5	10.1	8.8	4.4
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.8	2.3
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	5.3	4.9	4.2	4.0	2.5

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Health and Social Services	8600-8999	5.0	3.3	6.8	3.7	4.5
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	1.9	2.2	2.5	4.2	9.6
Manufacturing	1000-3999	16.9	16.5	16.6	17.4	17.1
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	2.8	3.7	2.0	1.7	2.4
Other Services	9600-9999	4.0	4.2	2.9	4.3	3.5
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.1
Retail Trade	6000-6999	8.9	7.5	10.1	8.8	4.4
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.8	2.3
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	5.3	4.9	4.2	4.0	2.5

Table Six
Percentage of Orders by Industry Type

Industry	SIC Range	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96
Accommodation/Food/ Beverage	9000-9599	3.4	1.7	2.3	2.3	1.2
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.8
Business Services	7700-7999	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.0
Communications	4800-4999	1.1	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.4
Construction	4000-4499	32.5	31.4	25.2	24.4	19.7
Education Services	8500-8599	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.5	0.5
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	1.7
Government Services	8000-8499	2.9	4.2	5.5	4.4	6.2
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	3.1	2.0	4.9	2.8	2.9
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	0.9	1.0	1.2	4.2	8.4
Manufacturing	1000-3999	19.2	19.3	21.2	23.0	32.7
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	1.3	1.9	0.9	1.2	1.4
Other Services	9600-9999	3.4	5.5	3.6	4.8	4.0
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2
Retail Trade	6000-6999	16.9	18.2	20.2	19.3	11.3
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	1.8	1.4	2.4	2.2	2.9
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	9.2	8.6	8.0	7.1	3.6

Table Six
Percentage of Orders by Industry Type

Accommodation/Food/ Beverage	9000-9599	3.4	1.7	2.3	2.3	1.2
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.8
Business Services	7700-7999	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.0
Communications	4800-4999	1.1	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.4
Construction	4000-4499	32.5	31.4	25.2	24.4	19.7
Education Services	8500-8599	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.5	0.5
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	1.7
Government Services	8000-8499	2.9	4.2	5.5	4.4	6.2
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	3.1	2.0	4.9	2.8	2.9
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	0.9	1.0	1.2	4.2	8.4
Manufacturing	1000-3999	19.2	19.3	21.2	23.0	32.7
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	1.3	1.9	0.9	1.2	1.4
Other Services	9600-9999	3.4	5.5	3.6	4.8	4.0
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2
Retail Trade	6000-6999	16.9	18.2	20.2	19.3	11.3
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	1.8	1.4	2.4	2.2	2.9
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	9.2	8.6	8.0	7.1	3.6

Table Seven
Prosecutions by Industry Type

Industry	SIC Range	Prosecutions Initiated		
		99/00	98/99	97/98
Accommodation/Food/Beverage	9000-9599	0	0	1
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	0	1	0
Business Services	7700-7999	1	1	0
Communications	4800-4999	0	0	1
Construction	4000-4499	17	7	8
Education Services	8500-8599	0	0	0
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	2	0	0
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1	1	0
Government Services	8000-8499	2	0	1
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	0	0	0
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	0	0	0
Manufacturing	1000-3999	8	1	0
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	3	0	0
Other Services	9600-9999	0	1	0
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	0	0	1
Retail Trade	6000-6999	1	2	0
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	0	0	0
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	2	0	0

Table Eight
Percentage of WCB Time-Loss Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	SIC Range					
Accommodation/Food/Beverage	9000-9599	6.8	7.1	6.3	6.6	5.8
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.3
Business Services	7700-7999	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.8
Communications	4800-4999	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.2
Construction	4000-4499	9.5	8.8	9.3	9.1	8.9
Education Services	8500-8599	#	#	0.1	0.1	0.1
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	#	#	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.9	1.6
Government Services	8000-8499	7.8	8.9	9.3	11.9	11.6
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	17.0	16.3	16.5	12.9	12.6
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	1.6	1.6	2.2	2.0	2.4
Manufacturing	1000-3999	22.9	22.8	21.6	21.8	23.8
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.9	4.1
Other Services	9600-9999	3.0	2.4	3.1	3.2	3.2
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	#	#	0.6	0.5	0.5
Retail Trade	6000-6999	10.0	10.4	11.3	11.1	10.3
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	5.5	5.7	6.2	6.3	5.9
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	4.9	4.4	3.6	3.7	4.0

Industry group not reported separately by WCB.

Table Nine
Ratio of % of WCB Time-Loss Claims to % of Activities by Industry Sector (+)

Industry Sector	[illegible]					
Accommodation/Food/Beverage	9000-9599	3.1	4.4	3.9	4.4	6.4
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	0.6	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Business Services	7700-7999	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5
Communications	4800-4999	1.9	1.3	2.1	3.1	3.2
Construction	4000-4499	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Education Services	8500-8599	#	#	0.0	0.1	0.1
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	#	#	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1.5	3.5	2.7	3.2	2.0
Government Services	8000-8499	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.2
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	3.4	4.9	2.4	3.5	2.8
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.3
Manufacturing	1000-3999	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.7	1.7
Other Services	9600-9999	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.9
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	#	#	1.2	1.0	5.0
Retail Trade	6000-6999	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.3	2.3
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.5	2.6
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.6

+ A value of 1.0 would indicate a perfect balance between activities and claims experience. Values above 1 suggest that, given their claims experience, too few activities are carried out in this sector; values below 1 suggest too many activities are carried out in this sector.
# Industry group not reported separately by WCB.

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Table Eight
Percentage of WCB Time-Loss Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	SIC Range	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Accommodation/Food/Beverage	9000-9599	6.8	7.1	6.3	6.6	5.8
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.3
Business Services	7700-7999	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.8
Communications	4800-4999	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.2
Construction	4000-4499	9.5	8.8	9.3	9.1	8.9
Education Services	8500-8599	#	#	0.1	0.1	0.1
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	#	#	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.9	1.6
Government Services	8000-8499	7.8	8.9	9.3	11.9	11.6
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	17.0	16.3	16.5	12.9	12.6
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	1.6	1.6	2.2	2.0	2.4
Manufacturing	1000-3999	22.9	22.8	21.6	21.8	23.8
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.9	4.1
Other Services	9600-9999	3.0	2.4	3.1	3.2	3.2
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	#	#	0.6	0.5	0.5
Retail Trade	6000-6999	10.0	10.4	11.3	11.1	10.3
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	5.5	5.7	6.2	6.3	5.9
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	4.9	4.4	3.6	3.7	4.0

Industry group not reported separately by WCB.

Table Nine
Ratio of % of WCB Time-Loss Claims to % of Activities by Industry Sector (+)

Industry	SIC Range	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Accommodation/Food/Beverage	9000-9599	3.1	4.4	3.9	4.4	6.4
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	0.6	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Business Services	7700-7999	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5
Communications	4800-4999	1.9	1.3	2.1	3.1	3.2
Construction	4000-4499	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Education Services	8500-8599	#	#	0.0	0.1	0.1
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	#	#	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1.5	3.5	2.7	3.2	2.0
Government Services	8000-8499	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.2
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	3.4	4.9	2.4	3.5	2.8
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.3
Manufacturing	1000-3999	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.7	1.7
Other Services	9600-9999	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.9
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	#	#	1.2	1.0	5.0
Retail Trade	6000-6999	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.3	2.3
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.5	2.6
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.6

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Table Ten
Ratio of % of WCB Time-Loss Claims to % of Orders by Industry Sector (+)

Industry	SIC Range	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Accommodation/Food/Beverage	9000-9599	2.0	4.2	2.7	2.9	4.8
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	1.2	0.9	1.6	1.5	0.7
Business Services	7700-7999	1.8	2.2	2.7	2.0	0.8
Communications	4800-4999	3.3	2.6	6.0	7.4	8.0
Construction	4000-4499	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Education Services	8500-8599	#	#	0.1	0.1	0.2
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	#	#	0.0	**	0.0
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1.5	7.0	5.3	3.2	0.9
Government Services	8000-8499	2.7	2.1	1.7	2.7	1.9
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	5.5	8.2	3.4	4.6	4.3
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.5	0.3
Manufacturing	1000-3999	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.7
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	1.9	1.4	2.9	2.4	2.9
Other Services	9600-9999	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.8
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	#	#	1.2	1.7	2.5
Retail Trade	6000-6999	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	3.1	4.1	2.6	2.9	2.0
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1

+ A value of 1.0 would indicate a perfect balance between orders issued and claims experience. Values above 1 suggest that, given their claims experience, too few orders are issued in this sector; values below 1 suggest too many orders are issued to this sector.
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** No orders were issued.

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Table Eleven
Ratio of % of Orders to % of Activity by Industry Sector (+)

Industry	SIC Range					
Accommodation/Food/Beverage	9000-9599	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.3
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.6	0.7
Business Services	7700-7999	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6
Communications	4800-4999	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Construction	4000-4499	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
Education Services	8500-8599	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.2
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	2.1
Government Services	8000-8499	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.9
Manufacturing	1000-3999	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.9
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6
Other Services	9600-9999	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.6	2.0
Retail Trade	6000-6999	1.9	2.4	2.0	2.2	2.6
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.3
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.4

+ A value of 1.0 would indicate an "average" number of orders were issued in a particular industry sector. Values above 1 suggest that, on average, more orders were issued in this sector; values below 1 suggest that, on average, fewer orders were issued in this sector.

Table Ten
Ratio of % of WCB Time-Loss Claims to % of Orders by Industry Sector (+)

Industry	SIC Range	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Accommodation/Food/Beverage	9000-9599	2.0	4.2	2.7	2.9	4.8
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	1.2	0.9	1.6	1.5	0.7
Business Services	7700-7999	1.8	2.2	2.7	2.0	0.8
Communications	4800-4999	3.3	2.6	6.0	7.4	8.0
Construction	4000-4499	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Education Services	8500-8599	#	#	0.1	0.1	0.2
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	#	#	0.0	**	0.0
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1.5	7.0	5.3	3.2	0.9
Government Services	8000-8499	2.7	2.1	1.7	2.7	1.9
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	5.5	8.2	3.4	4.6	4.3
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.5	0.3
Manufacturing	1000-3999	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.7
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	1.9	1.4	2.9	2.4	2.9
Other Services	9600-9999	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.8
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	#	#	1.2	1.7	2.5
Retail Trade	6000-6999	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	3.1	4.1	2.6	2.9	2.0
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1

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Table Eleven
Ratio of % of Orders to % of Activity by Industry Sector (+)

Industry	SIC Range	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Accommodation/Food/Beverage	9000-9599	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.3
Agricultural and Related Services	0000-0299	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.6	0.7
Business Services	7700-7999	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6
Communications	4800-4999	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Construction	4000-4499	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
Education Services	8500-8599	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5
Finance and Insurance	7000-7499	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.2
Fishing and Trapping	0300-0399	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	2.1
Government Services	8000-8499	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Health and Social Services	8600-8999	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
Logging and Forestry	0400-0599	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.9
Manufacturing	1000-3999	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.9
Mining, Quarrying and Oil	0600-0999	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6
Other Services	9600-9999	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
Real Estate/Insurance	7500-7699	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.6	2.0
Retail Trade	6000-6999	1.9	2.4	2.0	2.2	2.6
Transportation and Storage Industries	4500-4799	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.3
Wholesale Trade	5000-5999	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.4

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Figure One
Activity, Orders and WCB Claims by Industry Group
1999/2000

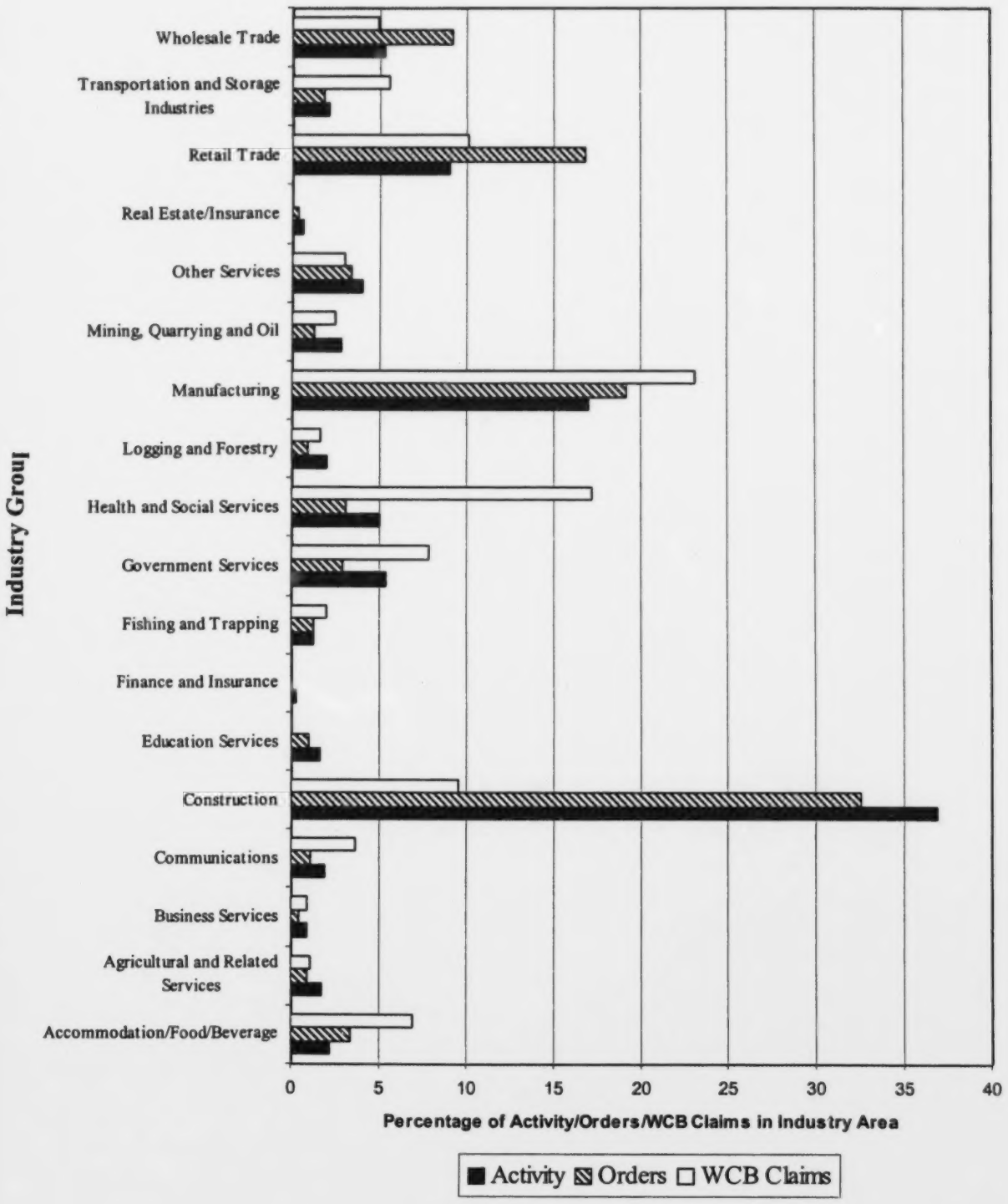


Figure Two
Ratio of % of Orders to % of Activity by Industry Sector

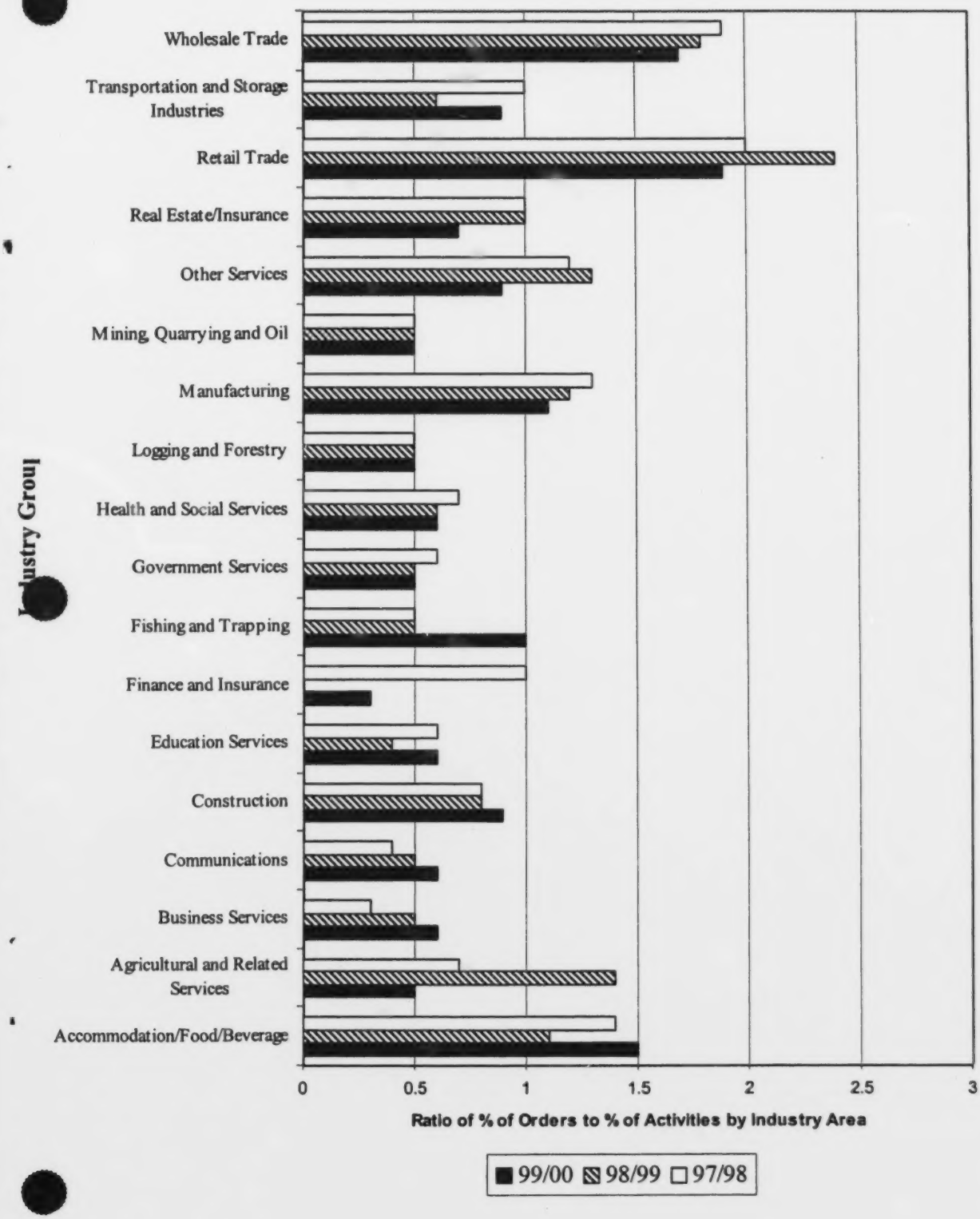
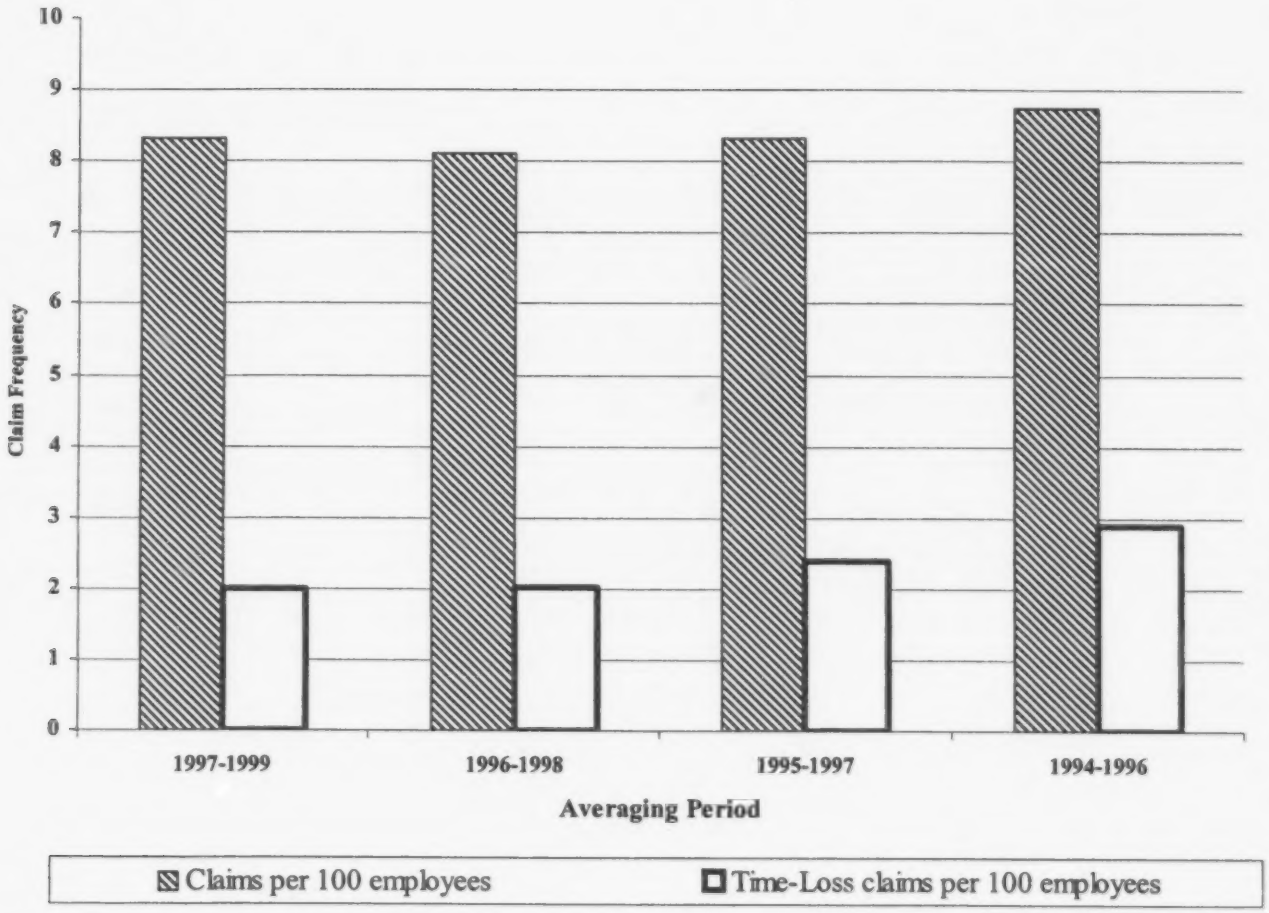


Figure Three
Number of Registered Workers' Compensation Board Claims
Three-year Moving Average
1994/2000



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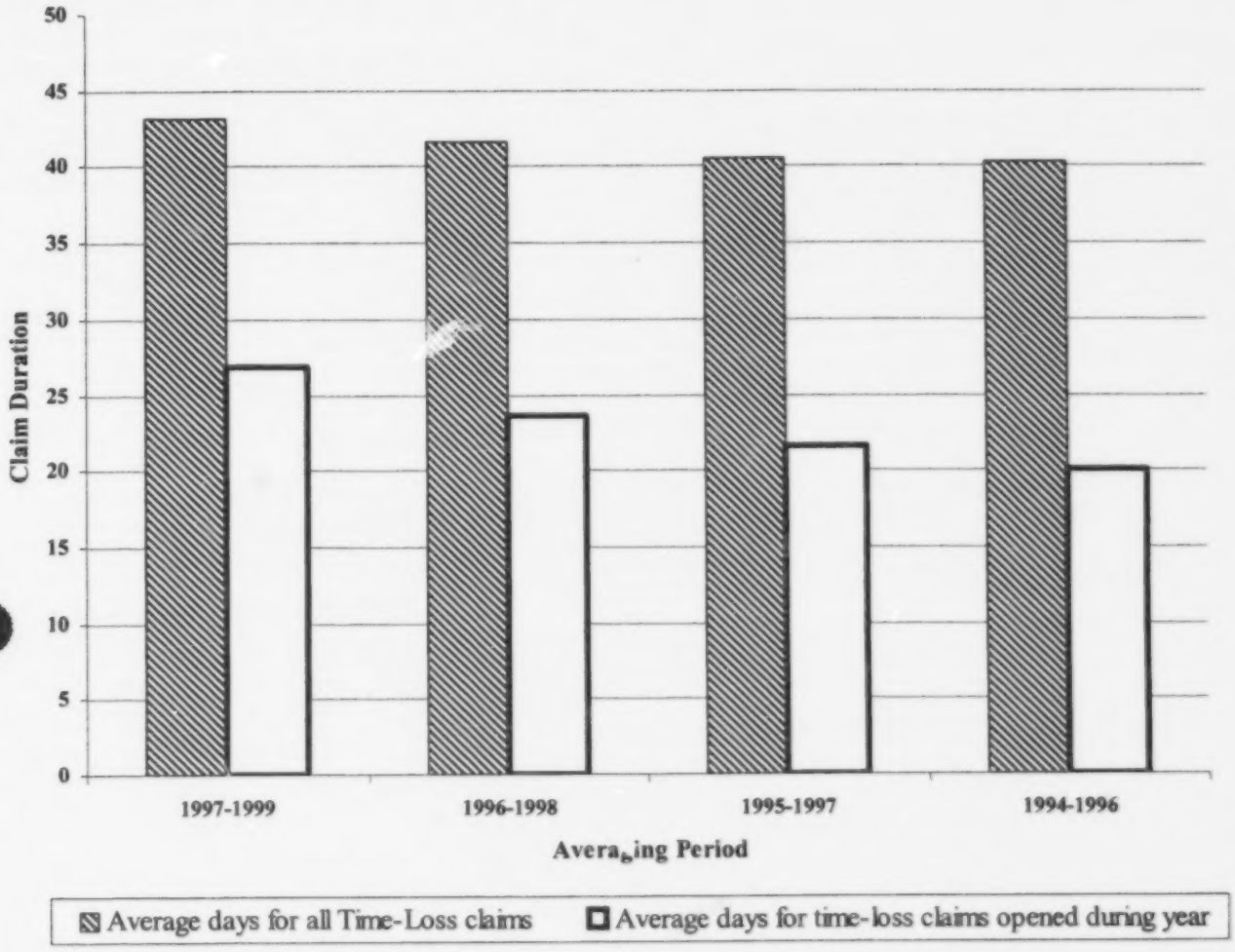
Duration of Registered Workers' Compensation Board Claims
Three-year Moving Average
1994 - 2000



Board of Examiners For Certification of Blasters

The Board determines the subject matter of exams that are administered to applicants for Blaster's Certificates of Qualifications. Through its examination process, the Board contributes to the protection of workers and the public at or near a site where explosives are used.

Board of Examiners of Mining Examinations

Under the Coal Mines Regulations Act, certain positions in underground coal mining must be filled by persons who meet specified standards of fitness, training, and competency.

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Training and examination for Certificates of Competency include mine manager, underground manager, supervisor, mine examiner, mine electrician (first and second class), mine mechanic (first and second class), stationary engineer (first and second class), hoist operator, coal miner, mine surveyor and mine rescue worker.

The board is also responsible for making recommendations to the Minister for changes to such regulations as may be necessary for the board to properly carry out its duties.

Blasters Board of Examiners Activity for The Fiscal Year 1999-2000

Board Meetings held 11

Certification Results		
Certificate Category	**New Certifications**	**Renewals****
1st Class	11	18
2nd Class	14	10
3rd Class	7	12
Special Applications	8	16
Trainee	13	13
Totals	54	69

** Renewals as of March 31, 2000. Number does not represent total possible renewals.

Board of Examiners for Coal Mining Activity for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000

Board Meetings held 4

Certification Results		
Certificate Category	**Number Writing Examination**	**Number Certified**
Mine Official, 1st Class	1	1
Mine Official, 2nd Class	0	0
Mine Official, 3rd Class	2	1
Mine Mechanic, 1st Class	0	0
Mine Mechanic, 2nd Class	0	0
Mine Electrician, 1st Class	0	0
Mine Electrician, 2nd Class	0	0
Mine Examiner	3	1
Mine Rescue	0	0
Coal Miner	3	3
Totals	9	5

Blasters Board of Examiners Activity for The Fiscal Year 1999-2000

Board Meetings held 11

Certification Results		
Certificate Category	**New Certifications**	**Renewals****
1st Class	11	18
2nd Class	14	10
3rd Class	7	12
Special Applications	8	16
Trainee	13	13
Totals	**53**	**69**

** Renewals as of March 31, 2000. Number does not represent total possible renewals.

Board of Examiners for Coal Mining Activity for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000

Board Meetings held 4

Certification Results		
Certificate Category	**Number Writing Examination**	**Number Certified**
Mine Official, 1st Class	1	1
Mine Official, 2nd Class	0	0
Mine Official, 3rd Class	2	1
Mine Mechanic, 1st Class	0	0
Mine Mechanic, 2nd Class	0	0
Mine Electrician, 1st Class	0	0
Mine Electrician, 2nd Class	0	0
Mine Examiner	3	1
Mine Rescue	0	0
Coal Miner	3	3
Totals	**9**	**6**

Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Council

The Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Council is established under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The Act provides for the Council to advise the Minister on:

- the administration of this Act and the regulations;
- occupational health and safety;
- the exclusion of any profession, employee, employer, workplace, project, owner, occupation, industry, self-employed person or dependent contractor from all or part of the application of this Act or the regulations; and
- any other matter relating to occupational health and safety.

The Advisory Council provides a representative voice from stakeholders; monitors and evaluates the state of OH&S in the Province; and provides the Minister with collective advice and recommendations.

During the course of the fiscal year, the Advisory Council, which is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis, provided recommendations to the Minister on a series of matters related to occupational health and safety in the province. The membership of the council was renewed during the fiscal year.

The Council devoted a significant amount of time and effort to a comprehensive review of the Occupational Safety General Regulations.